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SUBJ: INDIAN PLAN TO RECONSTITUTE TARAPUR FUEL ELEMENTS

REF: BOMBAY 2150, STATE 223816

- 1. INDIAN EMBASSY INFORMED AEC BY TELEPHONE THAT INDIANS QUOTE EXPECT TO RECONSTITUTE ON TARAPUR PREMISES ABOUT 100 OF THE 207 IRRADIATED FUEL BUNDLES IN STORAGE AT TARAPUR WHICH WERE REMOVED DURING FIRST SHUTDOWN. 180 OF THESE BUNDLES ARE LEAKING AND THE BALANCE IS SUSPECTED TO BE LEAKING. THEY INFORMED IAEA LAST MONTH IN PERSON END QUOTE AND WANTED TO KNOW HOW BEST TO INFORM THE USAEC.
- 2. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WAS TOLD THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THEY MEAN BY RECONSTITUTE AND WE PLANNED TO ASK AMCONGEN BOMBAY TO ASCERTAIN FROM INDIAN AEC PRECISELY WHAT IS INVOLVED.
- 3. ASSUME ABOVE PLAN MAY BE SAME AS FUEL PIN REARRANGEMENT PLAN REPORTED BOMBAY 2150. OUR 223816 STATED THIS NEED NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE REPORTED TO USAEC. THIS REPLY WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTION

THAT PINS WILL NOT BE OPENED OR ALTERED, I.E., THAT INTEGRITY OF EACH PIN WILL BE MAINTAINED. OTHERWISE PRIOR U.S. AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ARTICLE II-E, LAST SENTENCE. ADVISE.

- 4. WE QUESTION WHETHER VERBAL NOTIFICATION TO IAEA IS SUFFICIENT FOR SAFEGUARDS PURPOSES. RECOMMEND DAE CONSULT AGENCY, PROVIDING FULL DETAILS.
- 5. ACTION U.S. MISSION VIENNA: PLEASE CONFIRM THAT IAEA INFORMED REGARDING PLAN. KISSINGER

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